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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Carrie Smith, et al

Plaintiff(s),

CASE NUMBER

CV 07-4655 R (CWx)

v.
Merck & Co., Inc.

Defendant(s).

**ORDER RE TRANSFER PURSUANT
TO GENERAL ORDER 07-02
(Related Cases)**

CONSENT

I hereby consent to the transfer of the above-entitled case to my calendar, pursuant to General Order 07-02

8/22/07
Date

Howard Ward Cooper
Howard Ward Cooper
United States District Judge

DECLINATION

I hereby decline to transfer the above-entitled case to my calendar for the reasons set forth:

Date

United States District Judge

REASON FOR TRANSFER AS INDICATED BY COUNSEL

Case CV 06-5378 FMC (PJWx) and the present case:

- A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings or events, or
- B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
- D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

NOTICE TO COUNSEL FROM CLERK

Pursuant to the above transfer, any discovery matters that are or may be referred to a Magistrate Judge are hereby transferred from Magistrate Judge Woehrle to Magistrate Judge Walsh.

On all documents subsequently filed in this case, please substitute the initials FMC (PJWx) after the case number in place of the initials of the prior judge, so that the case number will read CV 07-4655 FMC (PJWx). This is very important because documents are routed to the assigned judges by means of these initials. The case file, under seal documents, exhibits, docket, transcripts or depositions may be viewed at the Western Southern Eastern Division.

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